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The Commonwealth Says Yes to Family Court!

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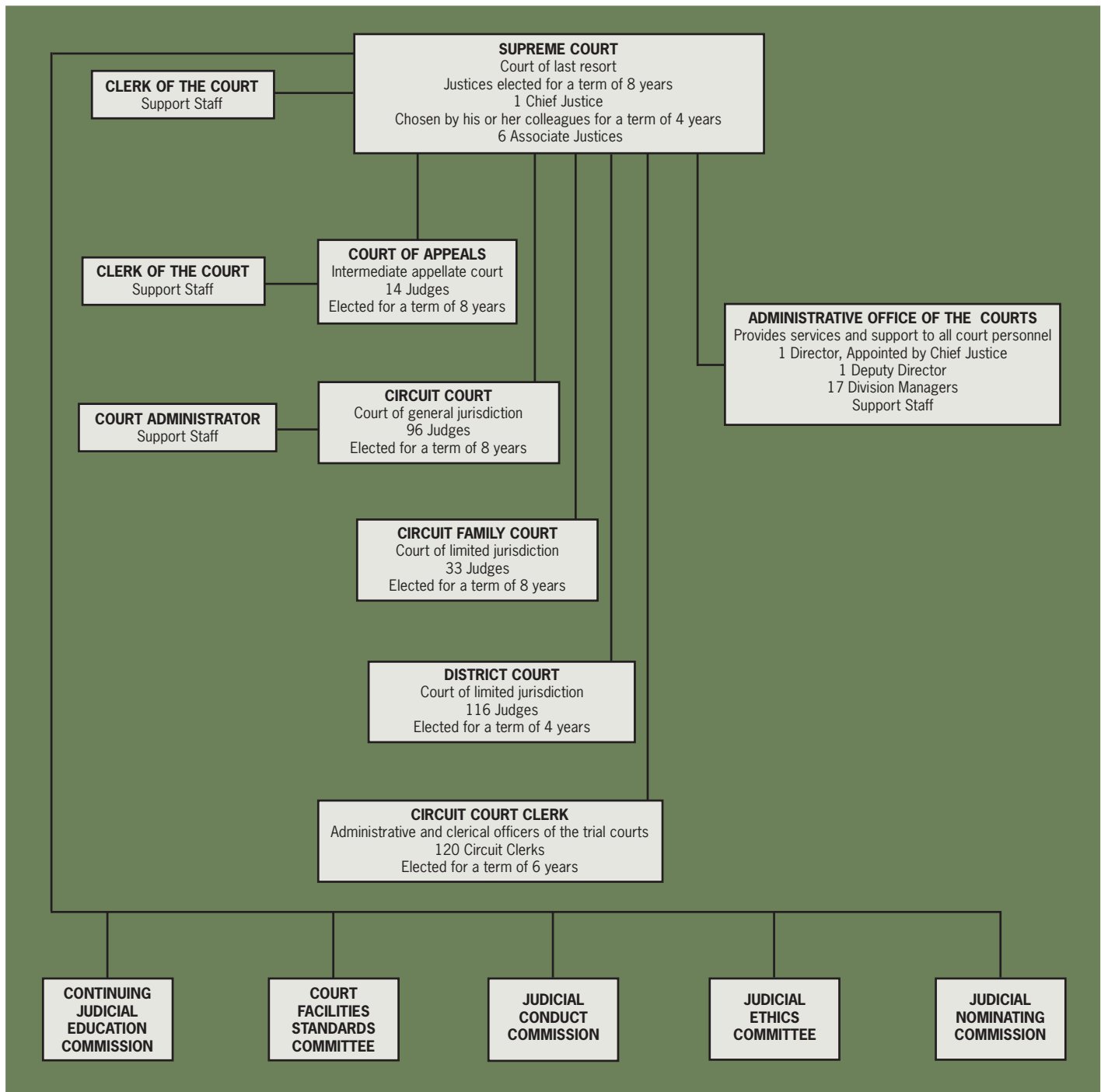
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KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE

- Organizational Structure -

In 1975, Kentucky voters supported a constitutional amendment to the Judicial Article that provided for a unified, four-tiered judicial system for operation and administration, called the Court of Justice. Judicial power of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is thus vested in one Court of Justice, which is divided into the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, trial courts of general jurisdiction known as Circuit Courts, and trial courts of limited jurisdiction known as District Courts. In the 2002 general election, Kentucky voters overwhelmingly approved passage of the Family Court Constitutional Amendment, thus creating a Family Court division of the Circuit Court tier.



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Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert

A Message from Chief Justice of Kentucky, Joseph E. Lambert **From Family Court to court facilities and information technology, Kentucky's Court of Justice sets the bar high nationally**

In recent years, the Kentucky Court of Justice has become a national model. We have made great strides in being responsive, improving public trust and confidence, and understanding racial and ethnic differences. Other states are turning to Kentucky to learn about our cutting-edge programs in technology, court records, judicial education, facilities, pretrial services, Family Court and Drug Court. The Court of Justice is proving to be one of Kentucky's greatest achievements and I am pleased to report on our latest accomplishments.

Family Court. With ratification of the Family Court Constitutional Amendment in all 120 counties, the Kentucky Constitution has seen the most sweeping change in the structure of our court system since we adopted a unified four-tier court system in 1975. This historic moment came during the 2002 general election when more than 75 percent of Kentucky voters approved passage of the Family Court Amendment. This mandate permanently added Family Court to the state's court system and proved that the people of Kentucky have overwhelmingly embraced the concept of "one family, one judge, one court." Family Court, which is involved in the most intimate and complex aspects of human nature and social relations, provides a court devoted exclusively to the needs of families and children. It currently serves 2 million people in 42 counties — nearly half of Kentucky's population. My goal is to see that within 10 years every family in the state has access to a court that makes families and children the highest priority.

Drug Court. Kentucky Drug Court is another example of our success in specialty courts. Instead of spending time in jail, eligible Drug Court participants complete a rigorous substance abuse program. Those who fail the program are sentenced according to law. The benefits of Drug Court can be measured in the number of lives changed and the cost savings to Kentucky taxpayers. Since Kentucky created a Drug Court program in 1993, the state has saved \$14.6 million by graduating over 1000 individuals from Drug Court instead of paying for their incarceration, with enormous additional savings from the return of individuals to productive roles in our Commonwealth. Drug Court currently operates in 41 counties with 55 counties planning to implement the program.

Court Facilities. Court of Justice facilities continue to experience rapid improvement as courthouses across the state are being constructed and renovated under sophisticated standards of adequacy and efficiency. This year the Department of Facilities oversaw \$300 million in projects in 88 of Kentucky's 120 counties. We dedicated nine new courthouses and began construction on 17 others to better serve the citizens of Kentucky. Replacing outdated court facilities greatly enhances the Court's ability to carry out its business, provides an important catalyst to the state's economy and helps halt the decline of downtown areas.

Mediation Department. We work diligently to ensure that citizens who come before the courts have a fair experience. As part of an increased emphasis on resolving disputes outside the courtroom, we created the Alternative Dispute Resolution Services Department. This affordable mediation program gives citizens greater access to more peaceful resolutions to all types of disputes. Trained mediators support judges who want alternative, nonadversarial means to handle some cases, which helps make ever-burgeoning caseloads more manageable.

New Judgeships/Senior Status Program. With a focus on alleviating heavy dockets, the Court of Justice has added five new judgeships that will concentrate on caseloads in 12 counties. The Senior Status Program for Special Judges is having a positive impact on caseloads because it allows experienced judges to continue contributing to Kentucky's court system. The program is open to retired judges willing to accept temporary assignments for 120 days per year for five years to provide assistance when sitting judges are unavailable and to reduce backlogs in Kentucky's courts.

Minority Affairs. The Office of Minority Affairs is making the courts more accessible to minorities. This year the Court of Justice launched the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity program to help increase the number of historically under-represented law students in Kentucky. The AOC also co-sponsored the Migrant Network Coalition Conference and the Hispanic Health Fair as part of our efforts to reach the state's growing Hispanic population.

High-Tech Court System. Information technology supports nearly all court functions and our advances in this area are among the best in the nation. This year the Information Systems Department retired our court system's outdated mainframe computer and replaced it with a more modern client-server system. We also made improvements to our KyCourts case management system, enhanced the Court of Justice Web site to include the opinions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and streamlined the process by which circuit court clerks request and receive jury lists.

The nearly 3,300 men and women across the state who carry out the solemn responsibilities of the Court of Justice support the U.S. and Kentucky Constitutions, believe that all citizens deserve the security and peace guaranteed by a fair application of justice, and work tirelessly to see that all people stand equally before the law. I commend the dedicated employees and invite you, as citizens of this great Commonwealth, to continue to work with us on this sacred endeavor.

REPORT FROM **CICELY JARACZ LAMBERT** DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS



Judicial Branch makes strong strides in spite of budget shortfalls

Fiscal Year 2002-2003 provided an unprecedented challenge to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Extraordinary revenue shortfalls combined with a sluggish economy caused record budget problems for state governments nationwide and Kentucky was no exception. The Court of Justice, which provides services to the third branch of Kentucky's government, was determined to be a team player despite its inability to provide a great deal of financial assistance with only a 2.6 percent piece of the state's funding pie. Regardless, the Court of Justice twice participated in efforts to shore up the budget by returning appropriated monies to the state's general fund.

Faced with the budget crisis, the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly was to pass the biennial budget for all three branches of government, but was unable to agree in the regular or special session on either an Executive or Judicial budget. This left both branches without legislated funding for the 2003-2004 biennium. As the Court of Justice moved into FY 2003, Chief Justice Lambert entered a spending plan order which required that the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts make all appropriate expenditures necessary for the continued operation of the Court of Justice. This created an unprecedented scenario in the history of the Commonwealth.

In FY 2002-2003, the Court of Justice faced challenges that were all tied to fiscal realities. Budget reductions and a gloomy financial forecast required close monitoring of the Judicial Branch's budget. Expansion, such as adding new positions, was not possible. But in spite of these issues, the Court of Justice was able to move forward with several state-of-the-art programs that enhanced our reputation as one of the country's top court systems.

The AOC continued to implement new technological initiatives across the state and completed the building of nine new courthouses within the allotted budget. Family Court and Drug Court continued to flourish. The Chief Justice's Task Force on Court Security issued important recommendations on safeguarding both Court of Justice personnel and citizens. We also began the process of certifying and qualifying court interpreters to provide the proper assistance to individuals who use the courts.

During FY 2002-2003, the AOC delivered administrative support to 261 elected justices and judges, 120 elected circuit court clerks and nearly 3,300 Court of Justice personnel. This meant providing supplies, equipment, furniture, technology, phones, paychecks, benefits, security and staff to more than 600 offices located throughout Kentucky's 120 counties. The AOC also supported Family Court, Drug Court, Dependent Children's Services and Court/Community Services. Additionally, Pretrial Services and Court Designated Worker Services served Kentucky counties around the clock, seven days a week.

Considering the financial constraints of FY 2002-2003, meeting the needs of the court system on a daily basis proved to be no small accomplishment. But it is during difficult times that professionalism and commitment rise to the challenge. I believe this biennial report demonstrates the dedication of the elected officials and employees who give their time and talents to make the Kentucky Court of Justice a source of pride for the citizens of this state and a model for the nation.

Cicely Jaracz Lambert has served as the fifth Director of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts since her appointment in March 1999. The AOC provides operational support to the Chief Justice of Kentucky in his role as administrative head of the Kentucky Court of Justice, which is a unified court system. Before her appointment as Director, Ms. Lambert was in private legal practice in Louisville, Ky. She previously served as the AOC's general counsel for eight years and spent six years as an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Appellate Division of the Kentucky Attorney General's office. Ms. Lambert holds a juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Transylvania University. She is a Lexington native and currently resides with her family in Louisville.

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SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is the court of last resort and the final interpreter of state law. It consists of seven justices who are elected from the seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. The Chief Justice of the Commonwealth is chosen by his or her colleagues and serves a term of four years. The justices, as a panel, hear appeals of decisions from the lower courts and issue decisions or "opinions" on cases. A case which comes before the Supreme Court is not retried. The case is presented to the Supreme Court by attorneys with written briefs and oral arguments addressing the legal issues which the Court must decide. Cases involving the death penalty, life imprisonment or imprisonment for twenty years or more go directly from the circuit court level, where the cases are tried, to the Supreme Court for review as a matter of right. After a decision by the Kentucky Supreme Court, a case can only be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is also responsible for establishing rules of practice and procedures for the Court of Justice, which includes the conduct of judges and attorneys.



Joseph E. Lambert was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky on October 5, 1998, having been elected by his peers to serve as Kentucky's fourth Chief Justice. He was re-elected to that post again in May 2002. The Chief Justice has represented the 3rd Supreme Court District since his election in November 1986.

Chief Justice Lambert was born in Berea, Kentucky in 1948. He received his B.S. from Georgetown College in 1970 and his J. D. from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1974.

Chief Justice Lambert served as a staff member for United States Senator John Sherman Cooper in Washington, D.C. from 1970-1971. From 1974-1975, he served as law clerk for United States District Judge Rhodes Bratcher in Louisville, Kentucky. He was in private practice in Mount Vernon, Kentucky from 1975-1987.

Chief Justice Lambert was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Louisville School of Law in 1988. He was Featured Alumnus of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities in 1995. He was named Lambda Chi Alpha, Outstanding Alumnus in 1997. In 1999 he was awarded Honorary Doctor of Law from Georgetown College and Eastern Kentucky University. He was named Outstanding Judge of Kentucky by the Kentucky Bar Association in 2000. He received the Leadership Award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in 2000, and presently serves on its Board of Directors.

Chief Justice Lambert also serves on the Board of the National Conference of Chief Justices.



Donald C. Wintersheimer has the distinction of being the longest serving member of the Court. First elected to represent the 6th Supreme Court District in 1982, he was reelected in 1990, and again in 1998.

Justice Wintersheimer was born in Covington, Kentucky in 1932. He received his A.B. from Thomas More College in 1953, his M.A. from Xavier University in 1957, and his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1960. He was in private practice until he was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1976, where he served until his election to the Supreme Court.

A prolific opinion writer, Justice Wintersheimer writes, on average, over forty opinions each year. He has published numerous articles in various state and national law journals. Recognized nationally for his judicial experience and legal expertise, Justice Wintersheimer appeared on a 1998 PBS television special entitled "Inside the Law."

Justice Wintersheimer is a member of several bar associations, the American Judicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, Phi Delta Phi, and Tau Kappa Alpha. Prior to his judicial career, Justice Wintersheimer served for fourteen years as Covington City Attorney. His military service includes two years in the U.S. Army Infantry.

Justice Wintersheimer is a former president of both the Thomas More Alumni Association and the Kentucky Municipal Attorneys' Association. He received the Community Service Award from Thomas More College in 1970 and was named Outstanding Teacher in 1973. He is a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. In 1998 he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He served as Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Chase College of Law and was named Outstanding Jurist by Phi Alpha Delta Legal Foundation in 1990.

In fiscal year 2002-2003, the Supreme Court recorded 2211 cases filed and 2293 cases disposed.



Janet L. Stumbo is the first woman elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky. She has represented the 7th Supreme Court District since her election in November 1993.

Born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky in 1954, Justice Stumbo received her B.A. in 1976 from Morehead State University and her J.D. in 1980 from the University of Kentucky. She worked as a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals from 1980-1982. While in private practice from 1982-1988, she served as Assistant County Attorney for Floyd County from 1982-1985. In 1989 she returned briefly to private practice before being elected to the Court of Appeals where she served until her election to the Supreme Court.

Justice Stumbo was elected to the Morehead State University Hall of Fame in 1990. She received the Justice Award from the Kentucky Women Advocates in 1991 in recognition of her work in the area of spousal abuse. In 1995 her work in the area of gender fairness won her that group's Outstanding Jurist Award, and the 1995 Bull's Eye Award from the Women in State Government Network. In 1996 Justice Stumbo received the Woman Lawyer of Achievement Award from the Kentucky Bar Association.



John William Graves began serving in Kentucky's trial courts in 1984, first as a district judge and later as a circuit judge. He was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1995. Justice Graves represents the 1st Supreme Court District.

Born in Paducah, Kentucky in 1935, Justice Graves received his B.S. in 1957 from the University of Notre Dame. He studied at the University of Louisville School of Medicine from 1957-1958. He received his J.D. in 1963 from the University of Kentucky. Prior to his appointment as district judge, Justice Graves was in private practice for twenty years, concentrating primarily on disability law and negligence law, with special emphasis in

worker's compensation cases. He was appointed as circuit judge in 1989 and was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1995.

During more than thirty-five years of active and reserve military service, Justice Graves completed the Command & General Staff College, the Airwar College, and the National Defense University. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 1987, the Army Meritorious Service Medal in 1989, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal in 1993.



Martin E. Johnstone is the first judge in Kentucky to have served at all four levels of the Court of Justice. Prior to the Judicial Article of 1975, Justice Johnstone was elected as a magisterial district judge. In 1978 he assumed the duties of district judge, and in 1983 he was elected as circuit judge. He served as Jefferson County Chief District Judge and Chief Circuit Judge. In 1993 he was appointed and later elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, where he served as Chief Judge Pro Tem. He has represented the 4th Supreme Court District since his election in November 1996 and has served as Deputy Chief Justice since 1998.

Justice Johnstone is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and was born in 1949. After receiving his baccalaureate degree from Western Kentucky University and his J.D. from the University of Louisville, he was in private practice until 1976.

Justice Johnstone was named Judge of the Year by the Louisville Bar Association in 1981 and 1999. He received the Henry V. Pennington Outstanding Trial Judge Award from the Kentucky Association of Trial Attorneys in 1991.



William S. Cooper began his judicial career as a circuit judge in 1979. He served as Vice-Chief Regional Judge from 1981-1992, and as Chief Regional Judge from 1992-1996. In 1996 he was elected to represent the 2nd Supreme Court District.

Justice Cooper was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky in 1941. He received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kentucky, graduating first in his law school class of 1970.

An Air Force veteran, Justice Cooper is a member of the American Legion, Rotary, and the Knights of Columbus. He is past president of the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association. Justice Cooper has served on numerous working committees, some of which include the Kentucky Council for Higher Education Subcommittee for Legal Education, the Committee on Justice and Corrections, the Evidence Rules Review Commission, and the Commission on Guardians *ad litem*. He currently serves as chair of the Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee and the Kentucky Evidence Rules Review Commission.

Justice Cooper is a diligent lecturer, dedicated to the continuing education of those in the legal community. He has published several law journal articles and wrote *Kentucky Instructions to Juries, Vol. 1 (Criminal)*. Justice Cooper was named a Charter Life Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation in 1986 and received the association's Kentucky Bar Center Award in 1992. Other awards include the Knights of Columbus 1991 Community Service Award, the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce 1997 Hall of Fame Award. He was elected to the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001.

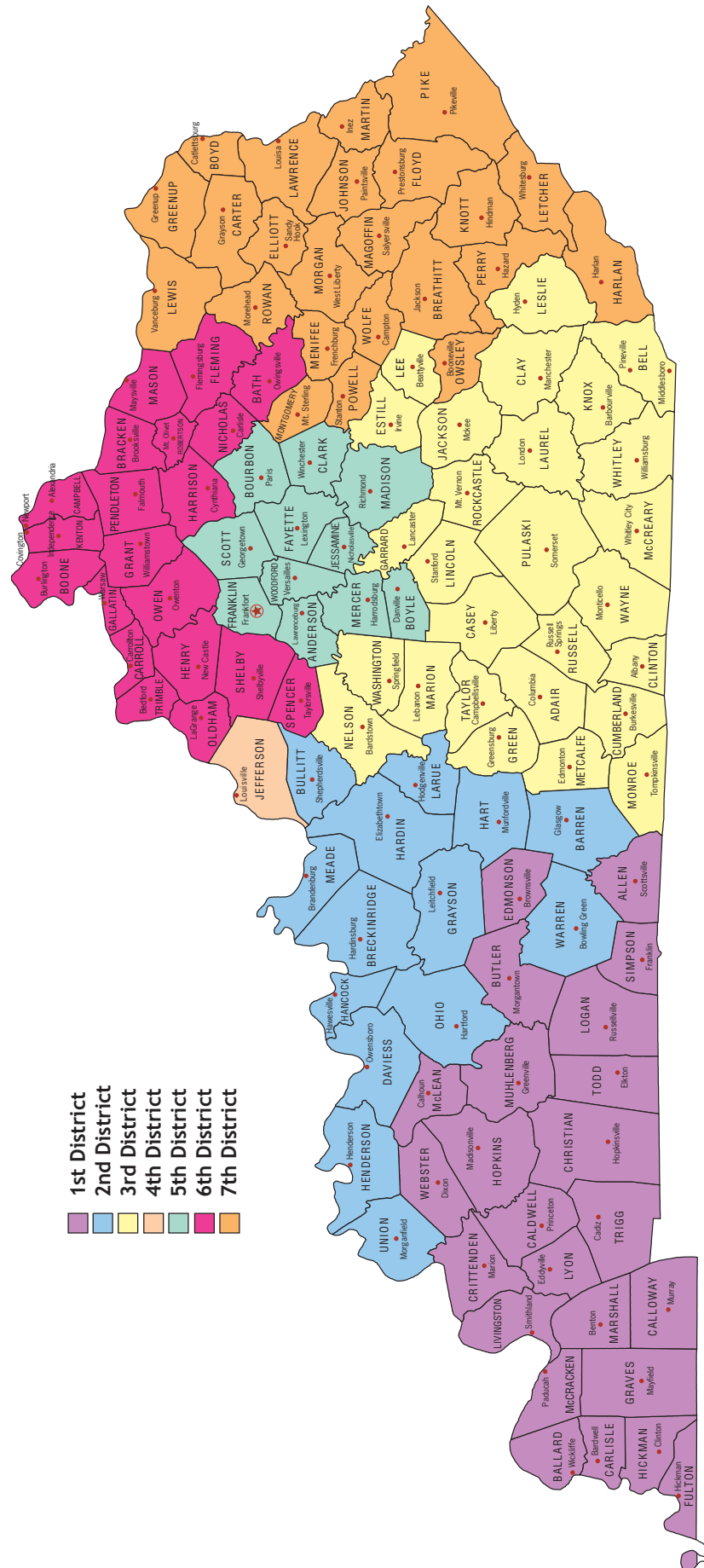


James Keller is the newest member of the Supreme Court. Appointed to the Court in May 1999, Justice Keller subsequently won election to a full term as the representative of the 5th Supreme Court District.

Justice Keller was born in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1942. He completed his undergraduate studies while attending Eastern Kentucky University on a football scholarship. He received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1965. During the ten years he spent in private practice, he served for eight years as Master Commissioner of the Fayette Circuit Court. He was appointed as circuit judge in 1976, where he served until 1999. Twice elected as president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association, he also served two terms as Fayette County Chief Circuit Judge.

Justice Keller helped to establish several highly effective court programs during his tenure as circuit judge. He is most proud of his efforts in establishing the Parents Education Clinic, a program for divorcing parents which is now used in several Kentucky jurisdictions. He was instrumental in establishing Kids' Time, a program for children of divorcing parents. He helped establish the Kentucky Mediation Center and the Fayette Drug Court. Justice Keller currently serves as a member of the Judicial Advisory Committee to the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services, and Chair of the Jury Studies Commission.

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The Kentucky Court of Appeals is comprised of fourteen judges. Two judges are elected from each of the seven appellate districts to serve a term of eight years. Each month the judges are randomly divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority determining the decision. The panels do not sit permanently in one place, but visit all parts of the state on a regular basis. For the most part, cases come to the Court of Appeals when the dissatisfied party in a lower court decides to have the lower court's decision reviewed. The Court of Appeals does not retry the case. Rather, the panel bases its decision on the record compiled in the lower court and on arguments by attorneys challenging or supporting the lower court's disposition of the case as reflected in that record. The Kentucky Court of Appeals ranks as one of the nation's busiest. In FY 2002-2003, the Court recorded 5712 cases filed and 5988 cases disposed.



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 Edmonton



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 District 3
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Julia Tackett
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 Lexington



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 Murray



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 Louisville



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 District 6
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 District 7
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 District 2
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 District 7
 Prestonsburg

The Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction over cases involving capital offenses, felonies, divorces, adoptions, terminations of parental rights, land dispute title problems, contested probates of will, and general civil litigation in disputes involving more than \$4,000. Circuit courts have the power to issue injunctions, writs of prohibition, writs of mandamus and hear appeals from district courts and administrative agencies.

Currently, there are 96 circuit judges in fifty-seven judicial circuits and 33 circuit family court judges. One judge may serve more than one county within a circuit. Some circuits contain only one county but have several judges, depending on population and caseload. Circuit judges serve eight-year terms. During fiscal year 2002, the Circuit Court recorded 212,205 cases filed and 188,810 disposed. In FY 2003, the Circuit Family Court recorded 43,247 cases filed and 37,717 cases disposed.



Judge James Shake
30th Judicial Circuit
2003 President, Circuit Judges Association

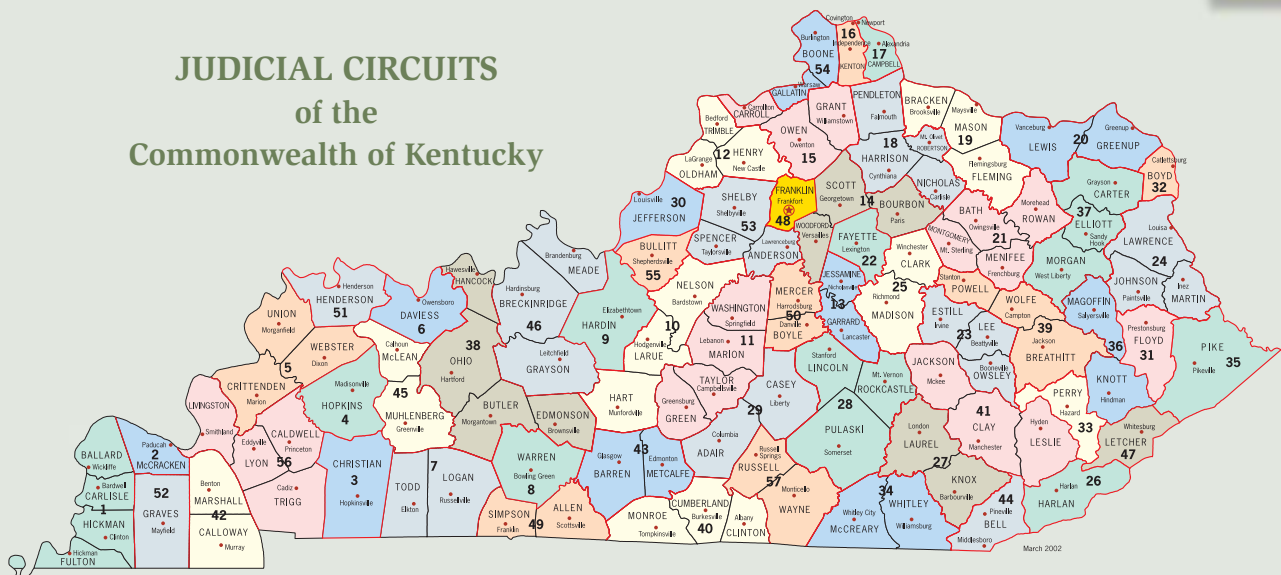


Judge Robert McGinnis
18th Judicial Circuit
2002 President, Circuit Judges Association



Judge Roger Crittenden
48th Judicial Circuit
Chairman, Circuit Judges Education Committee

JUDICIAL CIRCUITS of the Commonwealth of Kentucky



CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2002

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS (FAMILY COURT INCLUDED)

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	1707.00	10th	HART-LARUE-NELSON	1
2	1630.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	1
3	1592.00	42nd	CALLOWAY-MARSHALL	1
4	1548.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
5	1527.00	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	1
6	1438.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
7	1360.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
8	1358.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
9	1342.00	55th	BULLITT	1
10	1323.50	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
11	1308.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
12	1261.00	26th	HARLAN	1
13	1257.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
14	1242.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
15	1238.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
16	1224.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
17	1222.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
18	1202.50	6th	DAVIESS	2
19	1186.00	57th	RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
20	1178.00	17th	CAMPBELL	2
21	1145.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
22	1081.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
23	1073.76	30th	JEFFERSON	17
24	1063.00	16th	KENTON	4
25	1053.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
26	1044.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
27	1038.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
28	949.67	8th	WARREN	3
29	934.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
30	920.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
31	912.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
32	911.67	9th	HARDIN	3
33	905.67	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	3
34	899.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
35	876.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
36	865.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	3
37	844.00	33rd	PERRY	1
38	840.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
39	840.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
40	836.00	22nd	FAYETTE	8
41	816.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
42	805.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
43	801.33	25th	CLARK-MADISON	3
44	795.50	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
45	794.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
46	793.00	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
47	781.50	32nd	BOYD	2
48	736.00	44th	BELL	1
49	724.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	2
50	718.00	40th	CLINTON-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
51	717.33	48th	FRANKLIN	3
52	710.33	35th	PIKE	3
53	668.00	47th	LETCHER	1
54	655.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
55	646.50	51st	HENDERSON	2
56	639.00	2nd	McCRACKEN	3
57	486.67	31st	FLOYD	3

Average: 978.72

Median: 934.00

114 Judges

CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2002

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5	1548.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
6	1527.00	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	1
7	1438.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
8	1360.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
9	1358.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
10	1342.00	55th	BULLITT	1
11	1330.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
12	1320.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	1
13	1308.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
14	1279.00	51st	HENDERSON	1
15	1261.00	26th	HARLAN	1
16	1257.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
17	1242.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
18	1238.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
19	1224.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
20	1222.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
21	1202.50	6th	DAVIESS	2
22	1186.00	57th	RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
23	1177.00	17th	CAMPBELL	2
24	1145.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
25	1081.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
26	1063.00	16th	KENTON	4
27	1051.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
28	1044.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
29	1037.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
30	1005.00	8th	WARREN	2
31	998.00	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
32	975.00	30th	JEFFERSON	13
33	920.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
34	912.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
35	911.67	9th	HARDIN	3
36	899.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
37	876.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
38	840.00	33rd	PERRY	1
39	840.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
40	840.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
41	836.00	22nd	FAYETTE	8
42	818.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
43	816.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
44	815.00	48th	FRANKLIN	2
45	795.50	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
46	794.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
47	793.00	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
48	781.00	32nd	BOYD	2
49	736.00	44th	BELL	1
50	718.00	40th	CLINTON-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
51	716.00	35th	PIKE	2
52	687.00	2nd	McCRACKEN	2
53	684.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
54	680.00	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
55	668.00	47th	LETCHER	1
56	655.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
57	364.00	31st	FLOYD	2

Average: 993.88

Median: 1037.00

99 Judges

CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2003

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	1909.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	1
2	1825.00	10th	HART-LARUE-NELSON	1
3	1690.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	1
4	1634.00	42nd	CALLOWAY-MARSHALL	1
5	1575.00	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	1
6	1569.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
7	1500.00	55th	BULLITT	1
8	1468.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
9	1421.00	26th	HARLAN	1
10	1420.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
11	1371.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
12	1364.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
13	1335.00	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
14	1310.00	57th	RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
15	1281.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
16	1205.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
17	1198.50	6th	DAVISS	2
18	1198.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
19	1162.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	1
20	1160.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	1
21	1153.50	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
22	1136.00	45th	MCLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
23	1125.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
24	1112.00	30th	JEFFERSON	13
25	1098.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
26	1067.00	51st	HENDERSON	1
27	1059.25	16th	KENTON	4
28	1039.50	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
29	1035.50	8th	WARREN	2
30	1030.00	22nd	FAYETTE	6
31	1005.50	17th	CAMPBELL	2
32	990.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
33	971.50	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
34	957.00	33rd	PERRY	1
35	942.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
36	938.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
37	925.33	9th	HARDIN	3
38	916.50	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
39	885.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
40	879.00	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
41	868.50	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
42	845.00	32nd	BOYD	2
43	844.00	44th	BELL	1
44	843.00	34th	MCCREARY-WHITLEY	2
45	825.50	40th	CLINTON-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
46	821.00	35th	PIKE	2
47	793.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
48	791.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
49	777.00	47th	LETCHER	1
50	759.00	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
51	741.00	2nd	MCCRACKEN	2
52	740.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
53	739.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
54	731.00	48th	FRANKLIN	2
55	729.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
56	717.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
57	478.00	31st	FLOYD	2

Average: 1048.24

Median: 1035.50

96 Judges

CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT RANKINGS FY 2003 BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS

RANK	PER JUDGE	COUNTY	NO. OF JUDGES
1	2,451.00	Warren	1
2	2,304.00	Floyd, Knott, Magoffin	1
3	1,908.00	Lincoln, Pulaski, Rockcastle	1
4	1,789.10	Jefferson	10
5	1,784.00	Pike	1
6	1,697.00	Clay, Leslie, Jackson	1
7	1,589.00	Boone, Gallatin	1
8	1,547.00	McCracken	1
9	1,489.00	Christian	1
10	1,115.00	Franklin	1
11	1,049.00	Clark, Madison	2
12*	889.00	Campbell	1
13	818.00	Henry, Oldham, Trimble	1
14	799.00	Henderson	1
15*	752.00	Barren, Metcalfe	1
16*	685.00	Johnson, Martin, Lawrence	1
17*	683.00	Carter, Elliott, Morgan	1
18*	646.00	Crittenden, Union, Webster	1
19*	531.33	Fayette	3
20*	398.00	Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson	1
21*	183.00	Boyle, Mercer	1

Average per Judge: **1,310.52**

33 Judges

Average per Family Court: **2,059.38**

* Circuit Family Court sites were established in FY 2003. Caseload figures do not reflect a full fiscal year.

The District Court has limited jurisdiction, which means it hears only certain types of cases. Ninety percent of all Kentuckians involved in court proceedings appear in District Court.

Juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, traffic offenses, probate of wills, felony preliminary hearings, and civil cases involving \$4,000 or less are heard in District Court, as well as voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse.

There are 116 district judges in sixty judicial districts in Kentucky. If a district has a high population and a heavy caseload, it may consist of only one county but have several judges. In less populated areas, a district may encompass more than one county, but have only one judge who travels between the counties to hear cases. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the District Court recorded 1,557,414 cases filed and 1,569,370 cases disposed.



Judge Susan M. Johnson
24th Judicial District
2003 President
District Judges Association

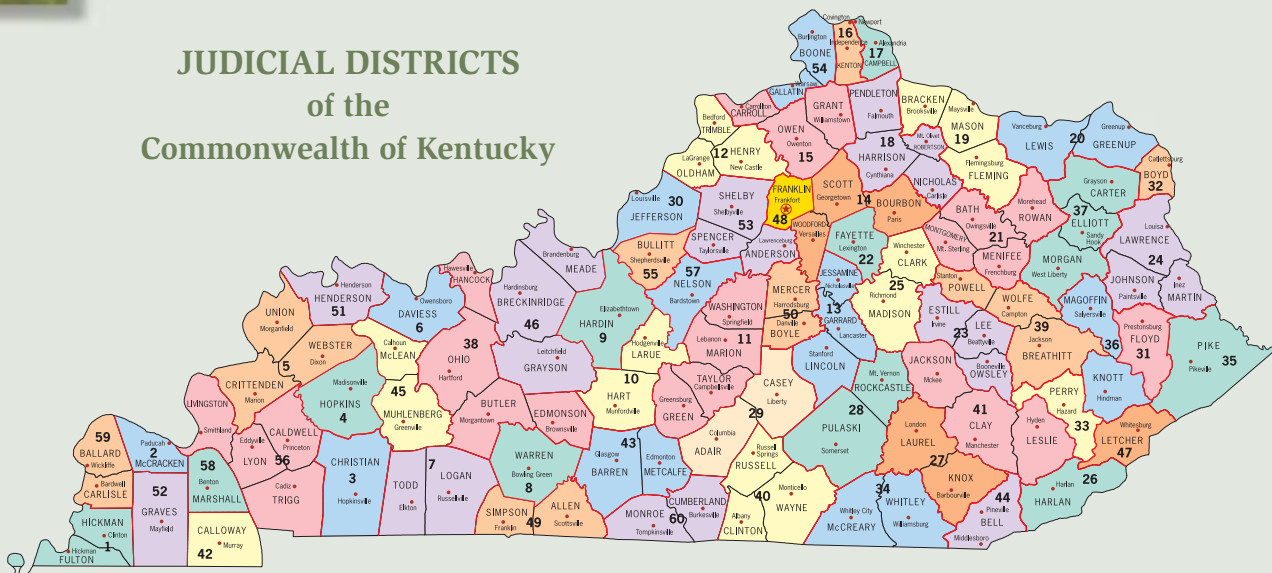


Judge Jeffrey M. Walson
25th Judicial District
2002 President
District Judges Association



Judge Michael W. Harrod
53rd Judicial District
Chairman
District Judges Education Committee

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS of the Commonwealth of Kentucky



DISTRICT COURT RANKINGS FY 2002

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS (FAMILY COURT INCLUDED)

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	11,988.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
2	10,284.50	22nd	FAYETTE	6
3	8665.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
4	8618.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
5	8398.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
6	8310.00	57th	NELSON	1
7	7804.00	33rd	PERRY	1
8	7791.70	30th	JEFFERSON	23
9	7740.00	26th	HARLAN	1
10	7523.50	9th	HARDIN	2
11	7028.30	25th	CLARK-MADISON	3
12	6911.50	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
13	6783.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
14	6764.00	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
15	6680.30	16th	KENTON	4
16	6548.50	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	2
17	6465.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
18	6409.00	28th	PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
19	6390.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
20	6252.00	35th	PIKE	2
21	6241.00	44th	BELL	1
22	6124.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
23	6122.70	8th	WARREN	3
24	5827.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
25	5802.50	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
26	5743.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	2
27	5716.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	2
28	5678.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
29	5656.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
30	5563.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
31	5332.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
32	5321.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
33	5250.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
34	5247.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	2
35	4989.00	47th	LETCHER	1
36	4937.50	51st	HENDERSON	2
37	4737.00	17th	CAMPBELL	3
38	4684.50	48th	FRANKLIN	2
39	4683.50	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
40	4674.70	6th	DAVIES	3
41	4524.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
42	4497.00	55th	BULLITT	2
43	4445.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
44	4436.50	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	2
45	4311.00	10th	LARUE-HART	1
46	4235.50	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
47	4000.50	4th	HOPKINS	2
48	3973.50	32nd	BOYD	2
49	3970.00	31st	FLOYD	2
50	3894.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	2
51	3810.70	2nd	McCRACKEN	3
52	3543.00	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
53	3404.00	58th	MARSHALL	1
54	3403.00	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	2
55	3393.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	2
56	3135.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	2
57	3007.50	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	2
58	2950.00	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
59	2948.00	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
60	2059.00	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

Average: 6079.22

Median: 5447.75

131 Judges

DISTRICT COURT RANKINGS FY 2002

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS (FAMILY COURT EXCLUDED)

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	11,998.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
2	10,284.00	22nd	FAYETTE	6
3	9251.70	30th	JEFFERSON	18
4	8665.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
5	8398.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
6	8310.00	57th	NELSON	1
7	8186.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
8	7804.00	33rd	PERRY	1
9	7740.00	26th	HARLAN	1
10	7523.50	9th	HARDIN	2
11	6828.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
12	6681.70	25th	CLARK-MADISON	3
13	6680.30	16th	KENTON	4
14	6654.50	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
15	6507.50	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	2
16	6402.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
17	6390.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
18	6270.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
19	6241.00	44th	BELL	1
20	6124.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
21	5991.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
22	5889.50	28th	PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
23	5827.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
24	5743.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	2
25	5716.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	2
26	5678.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
27	5656.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
28	5645.50	35th	PIKE	2
29	5624.70	8th	WARREN	3
30	5549.00	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
31	5332.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
32	5321.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
33	5305.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
34	5266.50	2nd	McCRACKEN	2
35	5247.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	2
36	5235.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
37	4989.00	47th	LETCHER	1
38	4927.00	51st	HENDERSON	2
39	4737.00	17th	CAMPBELL	3
40	4683.50	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
41	4674.70	6th	DAVIESS	3
42	4524.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
43	4497.00	55th	BULLITT	2
44	4445.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
45	4436.50	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	2
46	4369.50	48th	FRANKLIN	2
47	4311.00	10th	LARUE-HART	1
48	4235.50	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
49	4000.50	4th	HOPKINS	2
50	3973.50	32nd	BOYD	2
51	3894.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	2
52	3543.00	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
53	3536.00	31st	FLOYD	2
54	3404.00	58th	MARSHALL	1
55	3402.50	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	2
56	3392.50	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	2
57	3007.50	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	2
58	2950.00	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
59	2948.00	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
60	2059.00	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

Average: 6236.02

Median: 5440.50

124 Judges

DISTRICT COURT RANKINGS FY 2003

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	12,810.80	22nd	FAYETTE	5
2	10,609.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
3	10,464.50	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
4	9884.20	30th	JEFFERSON	17
5	8854.00	57th	NELSON	1
6	8844.50	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
7	8459.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
8	8089.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
9	7994.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
10	7594.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
11	7577.50	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOORDFORD	2
12	7526.00	9th	HARDIN	2
13	7346.00	33rd	PERRY	1
14	7281.50	17th	CAMPBELL	2
15	6830.50	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
16	6468.00	26th	HARLAN	1
17	6391.80	16th	KENTON	4
18	6307.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
19	6188.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
20	6136.00	44th	BELL	1
21	6045.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
22	5944.50	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	2
23	5921.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
24	5833.70	8th	WARREN	3
25	5789.00	48th	FRANKLIN	2
26	5675.50	35th	PIKE	2
27	5609.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
28	5583.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
29	5459.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
30	5397.00	45th	MCLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
31	5392.00	2nd	MCCRACKEN	2
32	5372.00	28th	PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
33	5276.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
34	5172.50	55th	BULLITT	2
35	5166.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
36	5145.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
37	5119.50	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	2
38	5101.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
39	5101.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
40	5086.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
41	4967.00	6th	DAVIESS	3
42	4791.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
43	4744.00	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
44	4726.00	51st	HENDERSON	2
45	4680.00	47th	LETCHER	1
46	4667.50	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	2
47	4218.00	10th	LARUE-HART	1
48	4196.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
49	4139.50	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
50	4042.00	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
51	4028.00	34th	MCCREARY-WHITLEY	2
52	3967.50	4th	HOPKINS	2
53	3851.00	32nd	BOYD	2
54	3657.00	58th	MARSHALL	1
55	3518.50	31st	FLOYD	2
56	3417.50	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	2
57	3349.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	2
58	2976.00	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
59	2918.00	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
60	2096.00	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

Average: 6559.59

Median: 5394.50

116 Judges

The 120 clerks of the circuit courts oversee documentation of trial court activities in each of Kentucky's counties: the clerk of the circuit court for a county is also the clerk of the district court for that county. Clerks are elected for six-year terms. Circuit clerk offices range in size from one clerk and one deputy clerk to 300 or more deputy clerks and administrative staff.

The clerks of trial courts keep a docket for each original action filed in that court; each such action is assigned a consecutive file number. All papers filed with the clerk are marked with the file number and noted chronologically in the docket on the page or pages of the docket assigned to the action. These notations show the nature of each paper filed or issued and the substance of each order or judgment. This process is maintained and secured in both paper and electronic records for the nearly one million actions filed in Kentucky courts each year. In FY 2002, the circuit court clerks' offices collectively processed \$240,419,938 in fines, fees, costs and other monies. For FY 2003, this figure was \$270,197,739.



Susan Neff
Circuit Clerk, Wolfe County
2003 President
Kentucky Association of Circuit Clerks



Susan Tierney
Circuit Clerk, Daviess County
2003 Chairperson
Clerks Education Committee



Doug Fain
Circuit Clerk, Jessamine County
2002 President
Kentucky Association of Circuit Clerks



Faye Oldham
Circuit Clerk, Ballard County
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Clerks Education Committee

COUNTIES of the Commonwealth of Kentucky



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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Established in 1976, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) serves as staff for the Chief Justice of Kentucky. The state constitution and statutes outline certain duties which are its responsibility under the supervision of an administrative director. Statutory duties include: act as fiscal agent for the Court of Justice; maintain data processing systems; disperse and maintain supplies and equipment; administer personnel policies and payroll; oversee the state pretrial and juvenile services programs; supervise the State Law Library; provide educational programs for judges, court clerks, and support staff; prepare, publish and print manuals, forms, stationery, and other materials.

The Administrative Office of the Courts consists of a Director's Office and seventeen departments. Departments include:

- Administrative Services
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Services
- Budget/Program Review
- Court Services
- Dependent Children's Services
- Drug Court
- Education Services
- Facilities Management
- Family Court
- Information Systems
- Office of Minority Affairs
- Office of General Counsel
- Personnel Administration
- Pretrial Services
- Research & Statistics
- State Law Library
- Youth, Families & Community Services

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Lee Guice, General Manager

The Department of Administrative Services provides centralized purchasing and accounting of all goods and services used by the Court of Justice. The Department also manages all Memorandum of Agreement and Personal Service Contracts, price contracts, federal and private agency grant activity, and insurance claims for the Court of Justice.

In compliance with KRS Chapter 45A, Administrative Services has assumed more responsibility for issuing bid solicitations and negotiating contracts for services rendered to the Court of Justice.

Administrative Services also meets virtually all Court of Justice printing needs. These include judicial and administrative forms, stationery, publications, manuals, and reports.

Administrative Services' staff directs all incoming telephone calls to the Administrative Office of the Courts and receives visitors to its central office located in Frankfort, Kentucky. It opens and distributes mail received and processes all outgoing mail. 🍀

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES, Carol Paisley, Manager

Chief Justice Joseph Lambert approved the creation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Services Department in April 2002. The mission of the Department is to promote, facilitate, and maintain the effective use and growth of alternative means of resolving disputes. Initiatives include mediation training for general civil and family mediators, small claims mediation programs, and guidelines for mediators and mediation training.

The AOC-sponsored training program is the most thorough alternative dispute resolution initiative to date. Several week-long seminars are designed to train lawyers, judges, educators, mental health and human resource professionals, family court staff, pretrial mediators, and AOC management. The proliferation

of new mediators will support our judges' increased interest in non-adversarial alternative means of handling cases, particularly cases that relate to disputes within families.

Trained mediators will offer Kentucky citizens greater access to affordable, timely, and more peaceful resolutions in disputes of all kinds. There is a secondary but equally important benefit to alternative dispute resolution. The court system struggles with the expense of training and supporting enough judges proportionate to the increased number of cases filed each year. Mediators can help relieve the strain as the Court of Justice attempts to reconcile more need with less resources. 🍀

BUDGET & PROGRAM REVIEW, Doug Teague, General Manager

The Department of Budget and Program Review monitors the Judicial Branch budget and serves as staff for the AOC Director in coordinating budgetary administration. In this capacity, Budget and Program Review oversees the preparation and execution of the annual operating budget and the preparation of the Judicial Branch Biennial Budget Request. It attends

legislative committee meetings during the General Assembly and provides legislative analysis for fiscal or programmatic impact.

Due to declining revenues, budget reductions implemented in FY 2002-2003 totaled \$4,838,800. 🍀

COURT OF JUSTICE BUDGET General Fund

Court Operations & Administration	FY 2002 Actual Expenditures	FY 2003 Actual Expenditures
Supreme Court	3,456,000	3,705,000
Court of Appeals	6,194,200	6,190,200
Circuit Court	27,233,500	29,915,600
District Court	17,893,000	17,740,300
Circuit Clerks	63,141,400	63,078,500
AOC	8,073,100	8,045,700
Boards	140,000	128,000
Pretrial Services	8,515,400	7,248,800
State Law Library	1,110,200	1,120,200
Juvenile Services	6,628,400	6,580,200
Capital Outlay	746,700	907,100
Total Court Opers. & Admn.	143,131,900	144,659,600
Local Facilities Fund	41,961,500	46,514,200
Judicial Retirement	4,213,400	2,500,600
TOTAL BUDGET	189,306,800	193,674,400

Source: FY 2002-2003 - Judicial Branch Financial and Program Status Reports

COURT SERVICES, Donna Tucker, Manager

The Department of Court Services provides technical support and assistance to Kentucky's 120 circuit court clerks. The workload is separated into two divisions: **Case Management**, which concentrates on court record organization, maintenance and retrieval, and **Cash Management**, which concentrates on bookkeeping and financial reporting.

The **Division of Case Management** has ten field representatives, eight of whom are assigned a fifteen county area. These field representatives travel daily to designated counties within an area to give individualized, on-site training to circuit court clerks and deputy clerks. Field representatives provide

staffing substitutions when unexpected emergencies arise at a circuit court clerk's office. They also provide daily phone support, as needed, to all counties within their area. Field representatives collaborate with the Office of General Counsel on updating the Circuit Court Clerk's Procedures Manual and related forms. KyCourtsII, an automated case management system developed by Information Systems in unison with Court Services, was successfully implemented in 35 counties during FY 2002-2003.

The **Division of Cash Management** has six judicial auditors each of whom cover a twenty county area. Like the field representatives, judicial auditors travel

to specific locations to give individual instruction to court bookkeepers and provide daily phone support to all counties within their area. Judicial auditors advise circuit court clerks on the safekeeping and investments of court funds. Judicial auditors work closely with contracted Certified Public Accountant firms to perform full-scope financial/procedural audits.

Department of Court Services field representatives and judicial auditors conduct Regional Training sessions every year for circuit court clerks and deputy clerks to acquaint them with new legislation affecting the courts and its means of implementation. 🌿

***SERVICES and DAYS PROVIDED by
Field Representatives and Judicial Auditors**

Services	FY 2002	
	Field Reps.	Judicial Auditors
Routine Field Visits	160	165
On Site Training	78	38
Staff Fill-In	44	0
Special Projects	44	34
Procedural Audits	—	96
Investigations	—	17
Installing KyCourts II	148	—
Installing Automated Bookkeeping	—	63

Services	FY 2003	
	Field Reps.	Judicial Auditors
Routine Field Visits	281	248
On Site Training	166	30
Staff Fill-In	155	0
Special Projects	210	120
Procedural Audits	—	81
Investigations	—	17
Installing KyCourts II	107	—
Installing Automated Bookkeeping	—	108

DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S SERVICES, Patrick Yewell, General Manager

Dependent Children's Services oversees and supports child advocacy boards and initiatives that expedite the permanent placement of Kentucky's dependent, neglected, and abused children. It is the goal of Dependent Children's Services to promote education and accountability among professionals who provide services to children. Dependent Children's Services recruits and trains volunteers for Citizen Foster Care Review Boards, administers the Kentucky Court Improvement Project(CIP) and coordinates education programs for the Guardian *Ad Litem* Training Program.

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards are mandated under KRS Chapter 620 to provide an in-depth case review of every child who is committed to the Cabinet for Families and Children. In excess of 750 volunteers serve on more than 140 local boards across the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Court Improvement Project

The mission of the Court Improvement Project is to develop best practice guidelines and technology to help courts handle dependency, neglect and abuse cases. CIP focuses on five primary areas: Child and Family Services Reviews/Program Improvement Plan, Guardian *ad litem* training, support to the Court Appointed Special Advocate program (a statewide tracking system for children in foster care), and a "one child, one legal voice" initiative.

Guardian Ad Litem Training Program

A Guardian *ad litem* (GAL) is an attorney who is appointed by the court to represent a child's best interests during a dependency, neglect and abuse action. The primary function of the Guardian *Ad Litem* Program is to coordinate quality training for GALs. Its mission is to promote competent GAL practice within Kentucky's juvenile justice system, thus affording children entering foster care a higher standard of legal representation. 🍀

Statewide Teddy Bear Drive Donations Triple Original Goal

People across the state responded in force to the call to help "one child at a time" through a joint project carried out by the Kentucky Key Club and the Dependent Children's Services Department of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The drive began in March 2003 with a goal of receiving 1,000 new teddy bears to distribute to Kentucky's foster children during April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Nearly 3,000 new bears poured in from all corners of the Commonwealth.



DRUG COURT, *Connie Payne, Manager*

The Department of Drug Courts was created in 1996 to oversee Kentucky's adult and juvenile drug courts. In FY 2002, three new federal grants were awarded to the Kentucky Drug Court Program totaling \$1,500,000. These funds are being used to implement drug courts in three judicial districts encompassing nine counties. Currently, fifteen adult, six juvenile, and two family drug courts are operating. Many others planned and awaiting funding.

Drug Courts help offenders break the cycle of addiction by combining intensive judicial supervision, mandatory drug testing, and graduated sanctions with a continuum of alcohol and drug treatment. Participants in Kentucky's drug court programs are required to take part in educational and community service activities and to maintain employment. In FY 2002, drug court participants paid nearly \$50,000

toward restitution, child support, court costs, fines, and other obligations. In FY 2003, \$208,144 was paid by drug court participants toward these same obligations.

The AOC and the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research have developed a revolutionary automated drug court management information system (MIS) to process drug court cases. MIS statistical reports generated from information collected statewide help rate the overall effectiveness of drug court programs. Evaluation outcomes of the first three sites, (Jefferson, Fayette, and Warren counties) express the savings of drug court graduates as "avoided" costs to society, such as arrest and conviction, victim compensation, Medicaid claims, public aid, and decreased annual earnings. 🌱

Number Of	Actual FY 2001-02	Actual FY 2002-02	Actual FY 2003-04	Est. FY 2004-05	Est. FY 2005-06
Referrals	1,053	1,219	1,499	1,799	2,177
Assessments	914	1,037	1,276	1,569	1,898
Eligible Participants	793	1,000	1,230	1,476	1,786
Group Meetings	14,929	29,809	36,665	43,998	53,238
Individual Sessions	17,734	20,996	25,825	30,990	37,498
Family Sessions	1,267	2,632	3,237	3,884	4,700
Residential Referrals	467	430	529	635	768
Ancillary Service Referrals	1,207	1,202	1,478	1,774	2,147
Enrolled in School/GED	182	311	383	460	557
Enrolled/Graduated College	28	55	68	82	99
Home Visits Conducted	2,209	3,145	3,868	4,642	5,617
Employment Site Visits	1,782	1,789	2,200	2,640	3,194
Drug Tests	68,823	72,770	89,507	107,409	129,964
Court Obligations Paid	\$49,984	\$207,124	\$254,762	\$305,714	\$369,914

Other highlights from FY 2002 include:

- ❖ Juvenile and family drug court youth from across the nation entered the NADCP artistic talent contest. First place winner was a Christian County Drug Court participant. The artwork will be incorporated into the "Wall of Justice" to be erected by the Drug Court Program Office, U. S. Department of Justice.
- ❖ Daviess County Drug Court was honored by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) for contributions to the community.
- ❖ Whitley County Juvenile Drug Court was honored by KIP for outstanding dedication and contribution to the Corbin Incentive Project.
- ❖ Kentucky Drug Courts received honorable mention for the NADCP Drug Court Week activities; received the Byrne grant award; and, won the National Drug Court Month award.

DRUG COURT'S IMPACT ON KENTUCKY

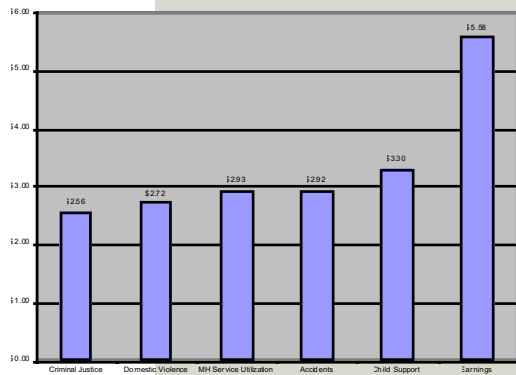


Figure 1. Avoided Cost Savings for Each Dollar Spent for Graduates

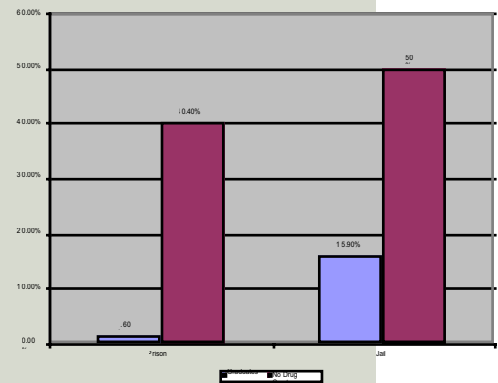


Figure 2. Percent of groups with any incarceration 12 months after exiting the Drug Court Program

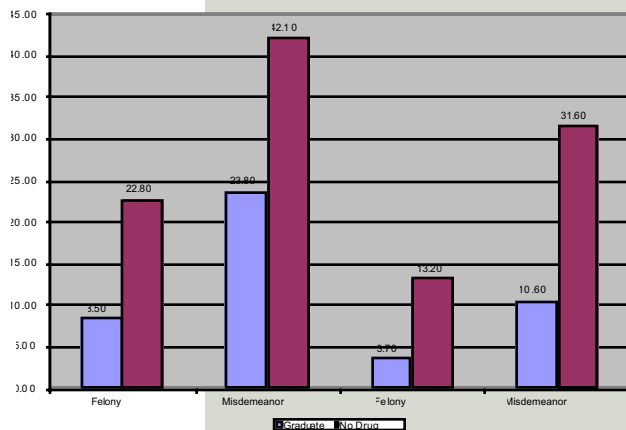


Figure 3. Percent of groups with charges and convictions 12 months after exiting from the Drug Court Program

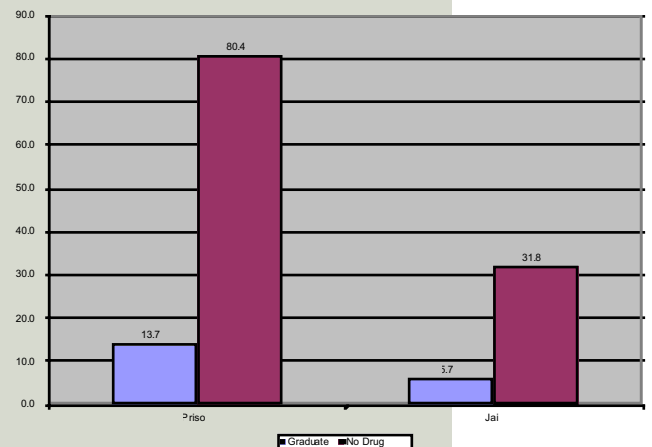


Figure 4. Days incarcerated by group 12 months after exiting the Drug Court Program

EDUCATION SERVICES, Michael Losavio, Manager

The Department of Education Services coordinates continuing education and professional training through seminars and conferences for judges, circuit court clerks, deputy clerks, trial commissioners, domestic relations commissioners, and other court support staff.

Education Services staffs the Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education Commission, which oversees judicial education in Kentucky. Supreme Court Rule 8.000 mandates continuing judicial education (CJE) for justices and judges. A minimum attendance of twenty-five hours of approved programs in a two-year period is required. Program courses included domestic violence, judicial ethics, evidence, and court procedure.

Circuit court clerk and deputy clerk training is a significant part of Education Services' schedule.

Training concentrates on legal requirements, office management, bookkeeping practices, personnel policies and procedures, judicial accounting, driver licensing, legislative updates, and court technology.

In conjunction with Information Systems, Education Services continues to provide court technology training for the judiciary and court support personnel. An Education Services technology coordinator surveys and coordinates "hands-on" court technology training. Judicial secretaries, court administrators, and numerous other court employees (such as judges, pretrial officers, paralegals, staff attorneys, chief deputy clerks, court reporters, records specialists, and administrative assistants) receive technology training. 🍀

Kentucky Unveils Thurgood Marshall Postage Stamp



Kentucky hosted a public unveiling of the commemorative postage stamp honoring the late U. S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. The event, which took place at the Capitol in January 2003, was sponsored by the AOC Department of Minority Affairs. Those participating in the unveiling were, from left: Chief Justice Lambert, Gov. Paul E. Patton, U. S. Postmaster Tom Adkins, Jefferson County Circuit Judge Denise G. Clayton and Court of Appeals Judge William E. McAnulty Jr.

COURT FACILITIES, Garlan E. Vanhook, AIA, General Manager

The Department of Court Facilities provides oversight for over 300 facilities, totaling over 3,500,000 square feet occupied by the Court of Justice throughout the Commonwealth. Space needed to house the Court of Justice is constantly increasing with Kentucky's growing population and the need for additional judicial services.

One of the Department's primary goals is for five-percent of existing facilities to undergo major repair or replacement annually. During FY 2002-2003, Court Facilities administered projects totaling over \$3,000,000 which included upgrades, repairs, renovations, and alterations of judicial facilities to a new standard of efficiency, function and visual appeal.

New Judicial Facilities: Chief Justice Lambert dedicated nine new judicial facilities completed in FY 2002-2003. These facilities represent \$97,600,000 in construction and serve to strengthen the Commonwealth's economy, increase local revenues, and halt the decline of downtown areas.

Historic Preservation: As co-stewards with local agencies, the Court of Justice supports the maintenance, repair, upgrade, and operations of many historic facilities throughout the Commonwealth. The Court of Justice is a major supporter of historic preservation efforts in the Commonwealth.

Additions and Alterations: Two projects were completed during FY 2002-2003 which added space to existing buildings. This created more efficient facilities for court operations. The cost of these projects was \$700,000.

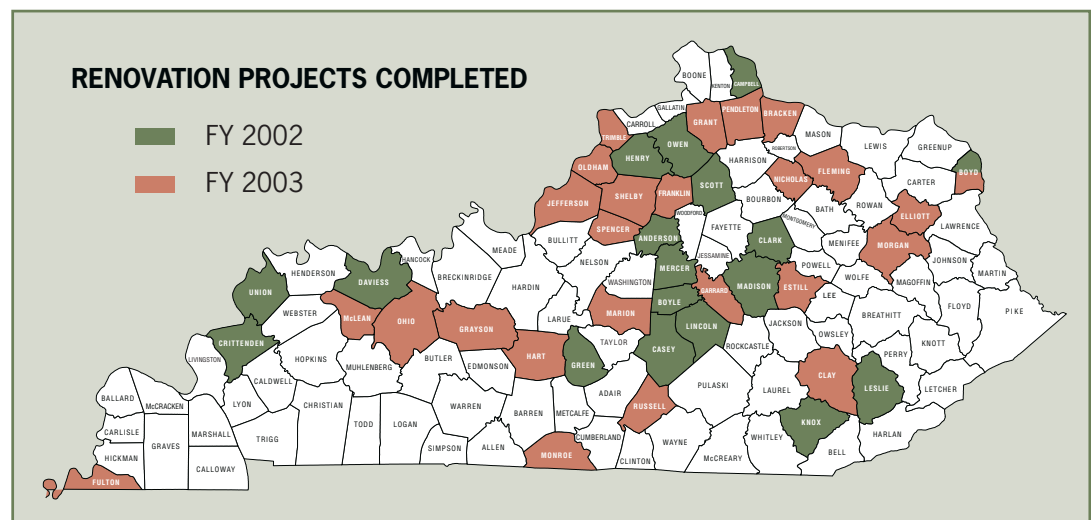
Renovations and Adaptations: During FY 2002-2003, the Court Facilities assisted local agencies

in renovation and/or adaptation projects. The total cost for these projects was \$3,100,000. The Court of Justice's share of these projects totaled \$2,400,000. These projects ranged from repainting of interiors and roof replacements to totally reconfiguring building areas for expanded judicial space. (See map below).

Mechanical and Electrical Systems Upgrades and Replacements: Mechanical and electrical systems were upgraded or replaced in existing facilities in 20 counties during FY 2002-2003 at a cost of \$787,000. The Court of Justice's share was \$496,000, which included boiler and air conditioning system replacements and upgrades, electrical systems work, and plumbing work.

Audio/Visual, Teleconferencing, Telecommunication, and Data Transmission Systems: Court Facilities is responsible for installing and maintaining audio-visual, and teleconferencing systems for judicial facilities ranging from courtroom public address to video arraignment systems. Systems were installed in all new facilities completed during FY 2002-2003, as well as in several existing facilities. Telecommunications and data transmission systems were installed in the new facilities, and upgraded or replaced in several existing facilities.

Security Systems: During FY 2002-2003 the Court Facilities' Security Systems section provided building equipment security services, thus eliminating the need for outside services. Building security equipment was installed in new facilities, and installed or repaired in several existing facilities.



Courthouses Dedicated in FY 2002 - 03

Farmer Helton Judicial Center
Pineville, Kentucky
Constructed 2002



Boone County Justice Center
Burlington, Kentucky
Constructed 2003



Bourbon County Judicial Center
Paris, Kentucky
Constructed 2002



Robert F. Stephens Circuit Court Building
Lexington, Kentucky
Constructed 2002



Robert F. Stephens District Court Building
Lexington, Kentucky
Constructed 2002



Christian County Justice Center
Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Constructed 2002

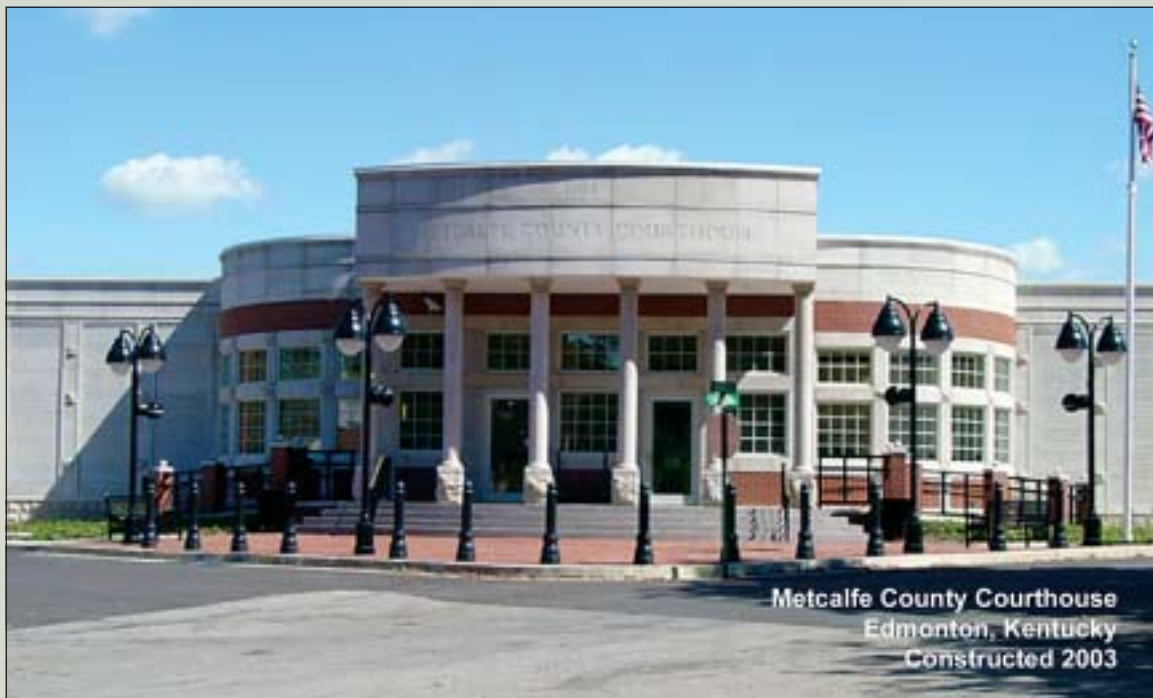


Harrison County Justice Center
Cynthiana, Kentucky
Constructed 2002



Henderson County Judicial Center
Henderson, Kentucky
Constructed 2002

Marshall County Judicial Facility
Benton, Kentucky
Constructed 2002



Metcalfe County Courthouse
Edmonton, Kentucky
Constructed 2003

Private Sector Leases: In FY 2002 Court Facilities administered ninety private sector leases statewide at a cost of \$2,609,000, and 83 leases in FY 2003 at a cost of \$2,433,800.

Facility Operations and Maintenance: Operations and maintenance in FY 2002 for judicial facilities totaled \$18,567,000. The Court of Justice's share of this cost totaled \$12,379,000. Costs for FY 2003 amounted to \$19,193,000 with the court share of \$13,236,000. Operations and maintenance includes: utilities, janitorial, grounds-upkeep, facility supplies, building insurance, maintenance, and minor repairs.

Use Allowances: The Department of Facilities administered a total of \$24,600,000 in use allowances during FY 2002 and \$27,600,000 in FY 2003. These statutory obligations allow the Court of Justice to reimburse local agencies for the use of their space or to apply to outstanding bonds on capital projects.

Property Accountability: Court Facilities initiated a new statewide property accountability system in FY

2002, which is fully integrated with the Court of Justice's Real Property Management program. This system identifies and tracks Court of Justice owned furnishings and equipment (valued at \$100 or greater) from the time these items enter Court of Justice ownership until they are placed in surplus or discarded. During FY 2002-2003, Facilities staff completed an extensive facility-by-facility inventory to locate, verify, tag, and electronically document Court of Justice property.

Retraining and Reorganization: The Department of Court Facilities is constantly working to make the best use of personnel and repair equipment assets. This effort became acute during FY 2002 as technology advances made many electronic components obsolete. As the need for specialized support for some systems diminished, technicians were assimilated into an Electronics and Technology Direct Support Shop and retrained to provide maintenance and repair on a number of electronics components. 🌱

FAMILY COURT, Carla Kreitman, Manager

The jurisdictional basis of family court was first established by the 1996 General Assembly and reconfirmed by the 1998 legislature. The jurisdiction was broad and flexible enough to provide for innovation among developing family court projects and coordinated domestic relations matters arising from the jurisdiction of the circuit courts (dissolution, child custody and support, adoption and termination of parental rights) with the child and family centered jurisdictions of the district court (paternity, civil domestic violence, dependency, neglect and abuse and juvenile status offenses.) The 2001 General Assembly passed legislation to place a proposed amendment to the Kentucky Constitution, which would recognize and permanently establish family courts in the Commonwealth. In the 2002 general election the public voted affirmatively in all 120 counties of Kentucky and the constitution now allows the Kentucky Supreme Court to designate one or more divisions of circuit court within a judicial circuit as a family court division.

There are presently 21 judicial circuits with an implemented family court, impacting 42 counties of varying geography and demography, and involving 33 circuit family court judges. Family courts presently

impact over half of Kentucky's citizens. In FY 2002-2003, the average number of cases heard by family court judges was 1,477 per judge, representing cases originally within the jurisdiction of the circuit and the district courts.

The Department of Family Court assists in the implementation, development, and evaluation of family courts across the Commonwealth. The Department assists in obtaining sufficient resources, standardization of policies, practices and procedures, training, automation, data compilation and analysis, and coordination of family court sites uniformity, the Department has coordinated training for family court judiciary and staff, disseminated information via development of a quarterly newsletter, website, a family court benchbook and various reporting materials.

The coordination of legal and social services and the provision and support of many programs, including but not limited to divorce education, Families in Transition, Turning It Around, Domestic Violence Information Sessions and truancy court projects have had a significant impact on the citizens of Kentucky.

FAMILY COURT SITES

The map displays the following highlighted counties and their corresponding colors:

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The Department of Information Systems (IS) supports the computer infrastructure of the Kentucky's unified court system. In FY 2002, IS completed its conversion to a "client - server" based computing environment. This statewide network connects all computers in the Court of Justice to all outside agencies, and other Internet-accessible individuals and systems. Over 3,000 computers communicate with each other on this network, using over 200 frame relay circuits to provide e-mail services to all employees, computer assisted legal research for judges and staff, and updates to the statewide court database every twenty minutes. IS provides user support for this technology with on site training, equipment and software installation, and Help Desk troubleshooting and consultation for over 3,300 Court of Justice employees.

In fiscal year 2002-2003, IS introduced electronic enhancements that increased the efficiency of the court system. One such undertaking was the creation of an interface between the digital audio recordings of court proceedings and the bar coded case numbers on the dockets. IS continues to develop computer programs to streamline the management of trial and appellate cases, criminal histories, court document imaging, jury lists and many other operating processes of the courts.

Automated Jury Lists

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Access to Courtnet

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Access to Appellate Court Opinions

The Court of Justice WEB site www.kycourts.net was completely revised in 2002 and it is constantly being refined and enhanced. One example is the addition of the texts of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

opinions, which may be searched and retrieved by a comprehensive search engine. These opinions are published on the WEB site as soon as they are released. 🍀

OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS, Priscilla Johnson, Manager

The Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) was created to promote trust and understanding of the judicial process and provide a contact point within AOC for minorities. Responding to the Court of Justice's commitment to equal employment, the OMA maintains a profile at job fairs, minority conventions, and college and university campuses to provide public awareness of the opportunity for service.

At the urging of Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly approved the creation of the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity (KLEO) program. KLEO is designed to assist historically under-represented students in Kentucky's public law schools attain a legal education. The KLEO program is an effort to

improve the public trust and confidence in the Kentucky justice system. It is anticipated that the participating students will do much to bring a broad spectrum of new ideas and energy to the practice of law in the Commonwealth.

In FY 2002, the OMA worked closely with Kentucky's growing Hispanic population. OMA participated in gatherings which brought together a variety of professionals and practitioners for the exchange of ideas with educators, social service worker, and other interested individuals. 🍀



On hand for the presentation of stipends to the first five students to benefit from KLEO program were, from left: UK College of Law Dean Allan Vestal, UK Board Chair Steven Reed, Chief Justice Lambert, Justice James Keller, State Rep. Jesse Crenshaw, D-Lexington and UK President Lee Todd.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, Carol C. Ullerich, Manager

The work of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) encompasses virtually every aspect of the Court of Justice operations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The OGC provides a full range of legal services to the Chief Justice, judges, circuit clerks, the AOC Director, and the AOC central staff. These include counsel on personnel law, contracts, legislative changes, and rules of administrative procedure.

Legal Support: OGC routinely provides support to other AOC departments and committees, such as

reviewing personnel actions; reviewing contracts; negotiating prevailing wage and facilities issues; revising judicial bench books; creating and revising the Circuit Clerk's Manual; administering balloting for Judicial Conduct Commission representatives and revising the Court of Justice Personnel Policies.

OGC staff serves on or monitors various committees and subcommittees such as the Court of Justice Statewide Technology Committee; Criminal Justice Council; KYASAP; the Chief Justice's Jury Study

Commission; Uniform Court Costs Workgroup (co-chair); and, Government Contract Review.

Legislative Monitoring: During the annual legislative sessions, the OGC reviews all bills that are introduced and anticipates their impact upon the Judicial Branch. At the end of the legislative session, the OGC summarizes every enrolled bill and provides a summary copy to Court of Justice employees.

Senior Status Judge Program: The Senior Status Judge Program is administered through the OGC. Senior Status Judges hear special cases such as those requiring a sitting judge to recuse him or herself as well as provide relief when it is necessary for a sitting judge to be away from the bench.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Electronic delivery of jury lists: In conjunction with Information Systems, in April 2002, the OGC launched the electronic delivery of jury lists. By the end of June

2002, twenty-three counties were receiving jury lists electronically which allows same day completion of receipt and delivery.

E-citations: The OGC has taken the lead in developing e-citation guidelines. Working with the circuit court clerks from Daviess and Wolfe Counties, as well as AOC central staff, the OGC drafted guidelines and submitted them to the Chief Justice for signature.

Smart Forms: OGC staff design and revise all official forms used by the courts, the bar and AOC central staff. OGC continues to work closely with the Information Systems Department and the AOC Print Shop to update forms and convert them to a “smart” format which is accessible online through the Internet. Court personnel, attorneys, law enforcement, and the public may now access smart forms twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, electronically enter data onto the form, print the completed document, and file it in Kentucky courts as needed. 🍀

PERSONNEL, Rita Cobb, Manager

The Department of Personnel Administration provides the administrative, accounting, and clerical services necessary to support approximately 3,300 elected and non-elected employees of the Court of Justice. It prepares payroll each month, administers its personnel policies, and maintains personnel classifications. Personnel Administration also processes workers’

compensation claims, and responds to approximately 1,300 requests regarding employee benefits each year. Improved technologies, such as custom-made personnel records and the automated reporting system, help the department achieve fiscal accountability and provide quality service to the courts. 🍀

Kentucky Is Meeting Growing Need For Court Interpreters

The Court of Justice maintains that all individuals deserve fair and just treatment under the law, which includes providing qualified court interpreters to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or cannot speak English. In the last fiscal year, the court system provided assistance statewide to 18,000 cases requiring court interpreter services. Since 2000, the Court of Justice has more than doubled its spending on the Court Interpretation Program and is moving toward a requirement that all interpreters become certified through a rigorous training program, as shown here.



PRETRIAL & COURT SECURITY SERVICES, Starkey Ray, General Manager

The Department of Pretrial and Court Security Services provides three major services for the Kentucky Court of Justice: Pretrial Release, Record Services, and Court Security.

PRETRIAL SERVICES WORKLOAD				
Fiscal Year	Arrest Numbers	Interviews	Releases	Affidavits
2002	196,446	169,722	47,345	45,024
2003	196,403	169,501	45,947	60,966

PRETRIAL RELEASE

Kentucky Pretrial Services was created as part of the Bail Bond Reform Act by the General Assembly in 1976 which eliminated the commercial bail bond system that tied the constitutional right to bail to a profit-making enterprise. After twenty-seven years, the Commonwealth of Kentucky remains the only state to statutorily abolish this archaic practice of providing bond for profit. Pretrial Services continues to advocate that the defendant’s presumption of innocence under the law is protected without financial penalty.

Pretrial Services Officers compile background information on defendants awaiting trial on criminal charges. By conducting interviews, checking criminal histories to determine eligibility for release, and seeking information on non-financial bond alternatives, the Pretrial Services Officer acts as a neutral information-gathering arm of the court. Trial court judges use this information to reach knowledgeable decisions about releasing an accused from custody, and if so, under what conditions. Pretrial Services has initiated an automated jail log and local in-custody list that assist the local judges, public defenders, and other interested parties in keeping better informed about defendants remaining in custody. Pretrial Release Officers also assist in collecting Affidavits of Indigence for defendants seeking representation by the Department of Public Advocacy.

RECORD SERVICES

The Record Services Division operates on a twenty-four hour and seven day a week basis to provide the

public, state and other agencies with comprehensive criminal histories and court dispositions of persons seeking employment, housing, and other services. Record Services also provides background information to licensing agencies, such as the Kentucky State Police, Alcohol and Beverage Control, Department of Insurance, and the Kentucky Board of Bar Examiners. It also provides information on convicted felons to the State Board of Elections.

The CourtNet Criminal History database contains records of all misdemeanor and traffic cases for at least the last five years, and felonies dating back to 1978. It contains information from all 120 counties, and includes over 4,000,000 records. This database is updated every three hours with information from the offices of the 120 circuit clerks across Kentucky. A record can be obtained via fax, standard mail, or

RECORDS PROCESSED	
Fiscal Year	Totals
FY 2002	533,705
FY 2003	631,342

walk-in service through the AOC Central Office in Frankfort for a set fee. Record Services provides screening free of charge for persons with the supervisory responsibility for minors and school volunteers.

COURT SECURITY SERVICES

Court Security Services provides special security at trials and court-sponsored events where high-risk conditions are anticipated and specialized skills or equipment is needed. In some instances, emergencies require immediate mobilization of security professionals.🍀

RESEARCH & STATISTICS, Bonnie Embry, Manager

Department of Research and Statistics analyzes and disseminates judicial caseload data for the Court of Justice. A major portion of its responsibilities is devoted to accurately handling and reporting the circuit and district caseload activity as reported by the circuit clerks' offices. In addition, the Research and Statistics Department processes written requests received from the legislative, public and/or private sector. Research

and Statistics uses a quality assurance program to track errors or potential inaccuracies through fifty-five different editing processes. This allows staff to make corrections and necessary expungements of older case records to the new KyCourts statewide database. These self-critical analyses mechanisms are vital to keeping criminal history data accurate. 🌱

STATE LAW LIBRARY, Marge Jones, State Law Librarian

The State Law Library is the central collection of legal research tools for state government. Established by statute (KRS 27A.200, et seq.), the Law Library is a support service for the Court of Justice. Its resources are also available to public officials, state employees, attorneys and the general public. The primary function of the Law Library is to provide research and reference assistance for the Court of Justice. It acquires and maintains research tools used by judicial offices throughout the state and continually improves the legal research capabilities of the central Law Library.

Electronic collections have replaced many expensive print materials and reduced space requirements.

In addition to the central collection in Frankfort, Law Library staff maintains 266 local libraries for judges across the state, and provides professional legal research assistance to justices and judges when requested. It contributes to judicial education programs by presenting abstracts of recent federal cases involving state issues and summary reports of Kentucky cases. 🌱

YOUTH, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES, Dr. Deborah Williamson, General Manager

Youth, Families and Community Services provides outreach, prevention, and diversion services for Kentucky's at-risk families through the Court Designated Worker Program and citizenship education.

Juvenile Services-Court Designated Worker Program

Each of the sixty judicial districts in the Commonwealth has the services of a Court Designated Worker (CDW) available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The CDW Program provides in-take services for all juveniles charged with public (criminal) and status offences. The CDW assists law enforcement with juveniles taken into custody and formulates alternative, diversionary placements for juveniles prior to arraignment. The purpose of the "Diversion Agreement" is to serve the best interest of the child and to provide redress of offenses without court action and without the creation of a formal court record.

July 1, 2002, marked the third anniversary of the

implementation of the Court Designated Worker Program's computerized case management system. The data collected from the case management system gives supervisory staff the ability to analyze the operations of the CDW program by: district, county, or employee; type of offense charge; the age, gender, race; or, address of the alleged juvenile offenders.

Court and Community Relations

In response to the KRS 600.010 mandate to provide diversionary alternatives for juveniles charged with criminal and status offences, a Law-Related Education (LRE) department was established at the Administrative Office of the Courts in 1990. LRE programs are designed to teach citizenship and are housed under Youth, Families and Community Services' Court-Community Relations Department. Educators, police officers, attorneys, judges, juvenile justice professionals, court designated workers, school resource officers, family

service center coordinators, and other juvenile practitioners join with juvenile participants to learn the fundamental principles and values underlying our constitutional democracy.

There are twelve different LRE programs sponsored and coordinated by Court-Community Relations. Highlighting a few, the *WE THE PEOPLE ... The Citizen and the Constitution Program* is a nationally acclaimed civic education program which teaches elementary and secondary students about the history and philosophy of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works combine education and action to help teens understand how crime affects them, their families, friends, and communities. It involves teens directly in crime prevention projects which make their communities safer and more vital. *Kentucky High School Mock Trial Tournament* uses high school students to portray the roles of attorneys, jurors, plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses. Real judges preside over mock trials and students gain a better understanding and respect for the American legal process. For more

information on these programs visit Youth, Families and Court- Community Relations website at: www.kycourts.net.

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The Data Analysis Department was created in fiscal year FY 2002 to analyze, prepare and maintain a variety of AOC departmental records; train departmental staff in data collection and maintenance; assist with data entry; conduct rigorous statistical analyses and interpret findings; and, make recommendations based on results.

A major portion of the Data Analysis Department's work and resources in FY 2002-2003 was devoted to improving the statewide court interpreter services and developing criteria for the spoken language court interpreting certification program. Over fifteen different language speaking groups reside in Kentucky and our courts have taken a proactive approach to providing them with equal access to the law. Data Analysis is developing an interpreters' certification process which includes a criminal background check, written test, oral examination, and orientation workshop. 🌱

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